



INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT) for Deep Dives into Social Mobility: A Local Perspective Stage 2 & 3 Clarification Questions

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Q No	Question	Response
1	Demonstrate experience of the team doing relevant work (is this specific in work related to social mobility sector or can other socio-economic sectoral work be included.)	We are happy to see either of those types of experience, plus any other relevant experience.
2	The ITT's bid format section mentions the inclusion of references (section 6). Could you please provide more details on this requirement? Is there a specified minimum number of references that need to be included for the tender?	There is no minimum number of references, but please note that overall section 5 - 6, which the references include, should not exceed 2 sides of A4.
3	I understand from the names of the documents that you are commissioning stages 2 and 3 of the research, however I only see a description for stage 2. Are you also commissioning the third stage at this point or will this come later?	Apologies for not being clear enough, this tender document includes both stage 2 and stage 3.
4	Would it be possible to let us know which version of the Intellectual Property clause you would intend to use for this contract please? i.e. whether it is the existing Clause 10 of the terms, or one of the versions in Annex 5.	The SMC will use the existing Clause 10 for the IP clause.
5a	Can the Authority confirm whether suppliers are able to include links within our submission?	This is acceptable but please only include relevant links in the bid.
5b	Are we able to submit our response as a PDF?	The SMC will accept bids as word documents or PDF.
6a	As part of Deliverable 1, would the Commission consider also incorporating an analysis of 'perceived' social mobility, which we could measure through nationally representative survey-based primary data?	No, this is captured in the first stage of the Deep Dives project for which we have already secured a supplier.
6b	If yes to Question 1, would the Commission be open to including modelled data (using techniques like Multi-level Regression with Poststratification/MRP) to achieve Local Authority-level granularity with reduced levels of bias?	Yes, the commission would be open to this. A variety of analytical approaches would be welcome if well-justified.
6c	Will the Commission be able to share full raw data files for all aspects feeding into the Social Mobility Index (SMI) and the Promising Prospects Index?	Data from our promising prospects index and all other indicators is available on our data explorer tool . The SMC would be open to further

		discussion about data access depending on the request and need.
6d	Would the Commission be comfortable with us providing data and outputs in a variety of formats including traditional Microsoft Office but also online dashboards?	Yes, potentially. However, the Commission would have to understand more about the utility and purpose of the online dashboards, and why these would work better.